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"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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REASONS FOR ATTENDING BIBLE STUDY CLASSES — WILLARD COLLINS

(ED. NOTE: Brother Collins is vice-President of David Lipscomb College, and Minister of the Charlotte Avenue Church in Nashville. This article is taken from the Bulletin of the Church in Sparta, Tenn.)

"We may call this activity, Sunday school, because it meets on Sunday or we may refer to it as a Bible school, because the Bible is the book to be studied. Which name you may prefer to call it, what are some of the reasons why you should attend Sunday morning classes where the Bible is studied as the word of God?

"First, to meet together and take your children. From June 1, 1939, to August 1, 1950, Judge Sam Davis Tatum of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Nashville tried approximately 9,500 cases, involving boys and girls seventeen years of age or under.

"Judge Tatum's records shows that of the 9,500 young people involved, only sixty-four had been regular in attendance at Sunday school or church at the time of their misconduct. Only one of the parents involved in those cases had attended Bible Classes or Church services with any consistency.

"For over ten years of experience on the bench, Judge Tatum cites lack of religious training in the home as a major cause of teen-age delinquency. The records in the Nashville courts, mentioned above, coincide with a statement made several years ago by Juvenile Judge Phillip Gillian, of Denver, who said, 'We have never had an active church boy in real trouble in the juvenile court.' The Judge Gillian gave this advice to parents: 'Take---don't send---your children to church.'

"Mothers and fathers who take their children to church and take time to read and study the Bible in the home with them are taking major steps in the prevention of delinquency among youth.

"Second, you need to help lead people to Christ. A study was made Wewoka, Oklahoma, several years ago and the study revealed that seventy-four per cent of the people who were baptized into Christ over a period of several months, came by the route of the Sunday morning Bible school. The late Coleman Overby of Dallas, Texas, Texas said, 'We spend less money and get more good out of the Sunday morning Bible study than perhaps any other phase of the church.'

"The Church in Old Hickory, Tennessee, conducted a meeting about two years ago in which one hundred eleven were baptized and fifty-five were restored. One great reason for such a successful meeting was the fact that the Old Hickory church has between 700 and 800 people attending Sunday school each Sunday. During the meeting the

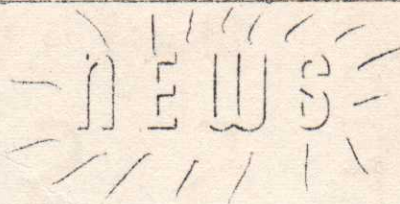
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Sister Lambert had a minor operation and didn't get to come to services last Sunday or Wednesday Night.

Bro. A. P. Warner is now in City Hospital and expects to be operated on within the next two days.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

- Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
- Worship.....11:00 A. M.
- Worship..... 7:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

- Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.
- Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

- Men's Training Class...7:30 P. M.

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN ALL OUR SERVICES

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday Evening when the invitation song was sung three came forward for Baptism. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Odell Holder, and Mr. Charles Holder. Wednesday Night Mrs. Chas. Holder came forward and made the good confession. They were baptized at our Prayer Meeting service this week. The Baptistry was not in condition last Sunday Night.

We want to congratulate them on their obedience to the Gospel of our Lord. We pray that they may always be faithful to the Lord.

We hope that others will soon follow this example.

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NOTICE

The time for our Sunday morning Radio Program has been changed.... From 8:00 A. M. to 9:15. Tell your friends and neighbors about this, and urge them to listen.

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

IS ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

The following is a letter which I received a few days ago. It came in response to the little article "Is One As Good As Another" in our last issue page four. Read it again.

January 18,

"Mr. Chaffin,

"I have just finished reading your last paper that is edited by you. You have printed, "Is One As Good As Another?" Are you inferring that your church is the only one that is acceptable in the sight of God? Is it wrong for one to belong to another church when we all worship the same Lord and God? Will you please explain your interpretation of this. I seem to be getting the meaning that your church is the only one! I shall be looking for your answer in the next paper.

Thank you ever so much,

Sincerely,

An interested reader....."

This is the letter in full, and I do not have any idea as to who it came from since no name is signed. It was post marked at Winston-Salem, N. C. I am happy to comply with the request herein made.

Our readers will observe that the writer uses the expression "your church" in the letter as though it belonged to me. Now, let me say very frankly but kindly that I do not have a church. And if I did it would not be worth any more than the other man-made churches in the world today. They all admit, (that is their members) that they are not worth much, because they will tell you that you can live on this earth, die and go to Heaven without being a member

of the church to which they belong. What benefit is a church that you can go to Heaven without? Why have such a church? What purpose does it serve? But this is not so concerning the Lord's Church. The Bible teaches that one cannot be saved without being a member of Church of Christ. (Acts 2:47).

If I had a church it would be just like all the other denominations, it would not be acceptable in the sight of God. Only the New Testament Church is acceptable to God.

We often hear people say, "one church is just as good as another" Is this true? If so, the Lord has a number of churches, doesn't he? We all know that there are churches which wears the names, Baptist church, Methodist church, Moravian church, Presbyterian church, and many others which we could name. Are these churches not separate and distinct religious bodies? Certainly they are! They are distinct one from the other in name, faith, and practice. Therefore, they are not all the same church. If all these churches are acceptable to the Lord then he has a multiplicity of churches. But such is not true as we shall see in our study later.

According to statistics there are more than 250 religious bodies in these United States. The fact that these exist is proof that they were founded by someone. These Churches were either built by a DIVINE or HUMAN builder. If a church was built by an unscriptural builder, that church must of necessity be UNSCRIPTURAL: the work of MAN and not of Christ.

Every one will agree that is possible for man to build a church, and that some have been started by man. IS A MAN-MADE CHURCH AS GOOD AS THE LORD'S???

(More next week)

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"BIBLE CLASSES"
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Sunday morning Bible Class attendance ran over 1100 one Sunday.

"A little over a year ago the church in Lewisburg, Tennessee, conducted a meeting of eight days' duration in which fifty-one were baptized and nine restored. Again this congregation has between 600 and 700 attending Sunday school each Sunday and over 1000 attending the Sunday morning classes during the meeting. This is conclusive proof that as the Bible school goes, so goes the church. In most cases, when the Bible school has LOST ITS ENTHUSIASM, the congregation has lost much of its enthusiasm. You need to go to Sunday school so that you might help lead people to Christ.

"Furthermore, we need to attend the classes in order that we may study God's word and "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Pet.3:18. It is just as important to do this as it is to meet on the first day of the week and break bread. We also need to go to Sunday school so that we might set the proper example in our community. ~~WHAT IF EVERYBODY IN THE CHURCH WAS JUST LIKE YOU???~~ Would there even be a Sunday school in your community where the Bible is taught as the word of God?"

THINK THIS OVER:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.B.I., says, "There is no substitute for religion and Sunday School. Children are not born criminals. If more can be reached by the Sunday School we shall be much nearer the solution of the crime problem. Crime cost every man, woman and child in the United States approximately \$110.00 every year."

Parents, are your children attending Bible School on Sunday mornings? Are YOU as a parent setting the example before your child? IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TOMORROW!! START NOW!!

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....	106
Attendance a week ago.....	119
Attendance a year ago.....	94
Average attendance for 1951.....	105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....	113

NOTE: Can't we improve this record? I am thoroughly convinced that we can. Would you not like to see the average for this year at least 125 per Sunday? I believe that you would. Let us do all we can to improve this record. COME SUNDAY 10 A. M.